

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A) (17)

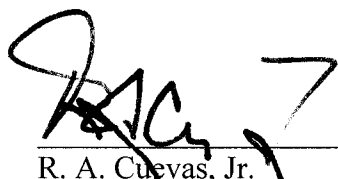
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 10, 2007

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
Acting County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging municipal
police departments to act as
liaison regarding incidents
of alleged abuse of elderly

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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Acting County Attorney

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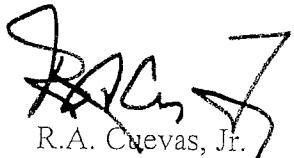


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☒ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

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Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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07-10-07

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING MUNICIPAL POLICE
DEPARTMENTS WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
DESIGNATE AT LEAST ONE SWORN OFFICER TO ACT AS
A LIAISON WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT
OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO COORDINATE
INVESTIGATIONS REGARDING INCIDENTS OF ALLEGED
ABUSE OF THE ELDERLY

WHEREAS, incidents of elderly abuse are an increasing problem throughout Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Department of Children and Families Adult Protective Services Program is charged with the responsibility to investigate and make recommendations regarding what, if any, action should be taken where there are allegations of elderly abuse; and

WHEREAS, a substantial number of claims of elderly abuse are initially reported to the municipal police departments located within Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Police Department has already designated at least one officer to serve as a liaison between the Department of Children and Families and its proven to be an invaluable tool; and

WHEREAS, it would be of great benefit to the alleged victim of elderly abuse as well as the State of Florida Department of Children and Families to have a trained sworn law enforcement officer designated by each municipal police department to act as liaison with the Department of Children and Families to assist in the coordination and investigation of alleged abuse of the elderly,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that it is recommended that all police departments located within Miami-Dade County designate at least one sworn officer to act as a liaison between each police department and the State of Florida Department of Children and Families to coordinate referrals and investigation of alleged elderly abuse. Further, the Clerk of the Board is directed to disseminate this resolution to all municipalities within Miami-Dade County.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 10th day of July, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Kenneth B. Drucker

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